## **ABSTRACT**

The present invention relates to methods for treating and preventing cancer by modifying the expression of ets2 gene expression or the activity of the gene product.

The invention also relates to sensitizing cancer cells to chemotherapeutic or radiotherapeutic agents. Ets2 gene expression and/or activity of the gene product can be modulated using antisense ets2 nucleic acids and/or modified ets2 proteins. The present invention also provides pharmaceutical compositions which comprise antisense ets2 nucleic acid, and nucleic acid that encode modified ets2 proteins and/or modified ets2 proteins.